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B. DYNAMITE

Investigation in the Denver area for the purpose of locating the sources of dynamite explosives and electrical cap primers has developed the following information.

Manufacture and distribution of dynamite is handled by four companies:

The Atlas Powder Company

E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc.

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The Hercules Powder Company

The Illinois Powder Manufacturing Company

Contacts have been made with the retail representatives of these organizations who in turn furnished the names of nearby retail outlets. No information was developed from the above companies to indicate that on a wholesale basis was any sale made to the subject nor was any small, broken lot purchase recorded. It is noted that the DuPont Company does make numerous sales to large users of dynamite directly through its Denver outlet, the J. D. Buckley Company, 4701 Jackson Street, which company delivers case lots and over.

[redacted] of the J. D. Buckley Company has searched his accounts for sales of small amounts of dynamite and was unable to locate any purchase for an amount under three cases during the period of September 1 to November 1, 1955.

The following retail outlets were contacted on November 12, 18 and 19, 1955. The managers of these stores were shown photographs of the subject and interviewed concerning any possible information which they could furnish relative to his purchase of powder at their store and all inquiries were negative.

Atlas Dynamite Company

[redacted]
Deffenbaugh Lumber Company
Golden, Colorado

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[redacted] Atlas Powder Representative, 2390 South Delaware, advised that he has inquired at his retail outlet, the Stanker Hardware Company, Cripple Creek, Colorado, concerning any sale to the subject or any information which would be of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised that no such information was located there. He further indicated that he would be alert to report anything of evidentiary value in this matter.)

DuPont Dynamite Company

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Duvall-Davidson
Lumber Company
Golden, Colorado

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[redacted]
Evergreen Lumber Company
Evergreen, Colorado

[redacted]
Valentine Hardware
Pearl and Broadway Streets
Boulder, Colorado

Hercules Dynamite Company

[redacted]
505 South Canosa Court
Denver, Colorado

[redacted]
575 South Lincoln
Littleton, Colorado

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Illinois Powder Company

[redacted]
Craig and McCoy
250 Pearl
Boulder, Colorado

[redacted]
Hammond Hardware Company
Evergreen, Colorado

[redacted]
Valore Hardware
Littleton, Colorado

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The four manufacturers of explosives were contacted for the purpose of examining their electrical cap primers and connecting wires. It has previously been set forth that two strands of copper wire with a bright yellow plastic covering were located through a search of the subject's residence, 2650 West Mississippi Avenue, Denver, Colorado, on November 13, 1955. The only comparable commercial product located in the Denver area is an explosive cap and wire with the trade name "Gold Medal" which is a product of the Illinois Powder Company.

[redacted] Illinois Powder Manufacturing Company, 221 Santa Fe, Denver, Colorado, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on November 18, 1955, that the above-mentioned copper wires with the bright yellow plastic covering are identical with the wire on an electrical instantaneous dynamite cap of a short length lead not over sixteen feet in length which is distributed in Colorado by their company only and is manufactured by the American Cyanamid in Delaware.

The following investigation at Steamboat Springs, Yampa, and Toponas, Colorado, was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

On November 16 and 17, 1955, Chief of Police CHARLES SHELL and [redacted] Steamboat Springs, advised that they had canvassed every hardware store, general store, furniture store and electrical supply in Steamboat Springs and vicinity without finding anyone presently handling the sale of dynamite. In addition, they determined that no timing devices, other than those installed on heaters or specific appliances were located with but one exception. The Gamble Store in Steamboat Springs had one sixty-minute timing device in stock for sale. The Gamble Store advised Chief SHELL that it was the only timing device they ever had in stock and that they had had it for several years. None of the stores contacted could recall any requests for the purchase of any timing devices in the past few months and also advised that they had not had to replace any broken or stolen timing devices for several months.

On November 15, 1955, Sheriff A. B. RITTER and [redacted] of the Colorado State Patrol, both at Steamboat Springs, advised that they did not know of any establishments in Routt County, Colorado, which sold dynamite or timing devices.

On November 16, 1955, EDWIN T. WILSON, Conservator for the State Fish and Game Department at Yampa, Colorado, advised that he had personally checked the county dynamite stored at [redacted] ranch, which dynamite belongs to the Routt County Highway Department, and determined that it was intact and none missing. [redacted] stated that there was one broken box of dynamite but that all of the sticks of dynamite in the broken case were accounted for.

On November 16, 1955, [redacted] at Toponas, Colorado, whose full comments are set out elsewhere in this report, advised he had personally showed JACK GRAHAM and his own [redacted] how to attach caps to dynamite and how to blast out rocks and stumps. He stated that several times during the summer of 1953 he had personally supervised and observed GRAHAM wire up dynamite and blast rocks, stumps, and dirt on the dam site above his property.

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On November 19, 1955, [redacted]
[redacted] of Brown Bros. Super Sav-R. Kremmling, Colorado,
was interviewed by SA [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he recalls selling either twenty or twenty-five sticks of dynamite and two electric blasting caps to an individual on a Saturday evening at about 7:00 p.m. [redacted] stated that he had observed photographs of the subject appearing in the various newspapers and that he believed the subject was identical with the individual to whom he had sold the dynamite caps.

[redacted] stated the individual purchasing the dynamite was dressed in an olive drab hip-length coat with trousers of approximately the same color and leather boots.

[redacted] stated that the dynamite he sold to the individual was 8" in length by $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, wrapped in brown paper. It contained the wording Gelex #2, 45% volume strength, E. I. DuPont De Nemours and Company.

[redacted] stated that although he was not positive as to whether the sale had been of twenty or twenty-five sticks, he was positive it was one or the other.

[redacted] stated that the same individual had purchased two number six electric blasting caps with sixteen foot wires attached. Each cap has two small copper wires attached to it. One of the wires is covered with a light green cover and the other with a red cover. The caps are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in length by $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter.

[redacted] stated that he recalls ringing the sale up on a cash register located nearest to where his explosives are stored, which cash register does not have any tape in it and thus it would be impossible to verify the sale in that manner.

[redacted] stated that when the individual left the store, he did not observe which way he went or whether or not he got into a vehicle. He described the purchaser

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as being white, male, American, approximately 6' tall, weighing about 170 pounds and approximately 25 years of age. He stated the man had ruddy complexion and appeared to have spent some time out of doors.

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[redacted] stated that he believed he could identify the purchaser if he was to see him in person.

On November 21, 1955, after viewing the subject in a line-up provided by the Denver, Colorado, District Attorney's Office, [redacted] stated he was positive that subject was identical with the individual who had purchased the dynamite and blasting caps from him at Kremmling.

[redacted] was unable to state the exact date on which the sale of the dynamite and caps to the subject had taken place.

[redacted] advised on November 21, 1955, that it was his intention of attempting to obtain from records contained in the files of his store at Kremmling, Colorado, the exact date which he believes the subject to have purchased the dynamite at his store.

SA [redacted] on November 22, 1955, furnished with a wrapper from a stick of dynamite and the wire from two blasting caps which were similar to those sold to subject. This wire and dynamite wrapper were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory by SA [redacted]